

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

AERATED WATER
MANUFACTURERS.

SPECIALITIES:

DRY GINGER ALE.
LIME FRUIT CHAMPAGNE.
ORANGE CHAMPAGNE.
STONE GINGER BEER.PALATABLE
AND
REFRESHING.Watson's
FRUIT SYRUPSmixed with aerated or plain water
make excellent refreshing beverages.
Guaranteed to be made from the
pure juice of sound ripe fruit.A. S. WATSON & CO.
LIMITED.

HONGKONG and KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910.

NOTICE.

All communications intended for publication in
"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be
addressed to The Editor, 1, Lee Hing Road, and
should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and
Address.Ordinary business communications should be addressed
to The Manager.The Editor will not undertake to be responsible for
any extra charge, nor to return any Contribution.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (IN ADVANCE).

DAILY—\$36 per annum.

WEEKLY—\$12 per annum.

The rates per quarter and per month, proportional
Subscriptions for any period less than one month
will be charged as for a full month.The daily issue is delivered free when the address is
accessible to messenger. Post subscribers can have
their copies delivered at their residences without
any extra charge. On copies sent by post, an
additional \$1.80 per quarter is charged for postage.The postage on the weekly issue to any part of the
world is 80 cents per quarter.Single Copies, Daily, 5 cents. Weekly, twenty-
five cents (for cash only).

BIRTHS.

On Sunday, March 20, 1910, at Shanghai, to
Mr. and Mrs. A. Herzberg, two sons.On March 20, 1910, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. A. C. Newcomb, a son.

MARRIAGE.

On March 19th, 1910, at Shanghai, Ewart
Kale, only son of George Kale, Hornsey, London,
to Grace, second daughter of Albert
Amsden, Stamford Hill, London.

DEATH.

On February 21, 1910, at Malda Vale, London,
suddenly, H. W. Cave, late of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1910.

OUR MONEY.

Let us all feel happy, because the Secretary of State has said once again that the Imperial Government is to compensate us for the loss of the opium trade. Not the opium trade in its entirety—be it remembered—but the loss sustained through the obliteration of *divans*. Many questions have been asked over this matter and it cannot be denied that we come to the subject with a prejudiced mind. Because, again, the old war-cry crops up—"We want your money." In this Colony of Hongkong we have managed by hook and by crook to "wangle" through, but always with a view to final satisfaction. Now we have the news, which is to put all of us in grand temper and to confute the absurd incendiaries who would blow up the world in the vain attempt to prove that the Government in power is without good. The tale is told in the Singapore papers, how the Earl of Crewe, back again at his old duties, wrote to the effect that our "substantial contribution" would be assured and that the

question of the military contribution would be considered. Hopful news is always good, and we trust that it may materialize in the shape of a quarter million dollars. But we doubt it. This Colony is far removed from the centre of attraction, is just as liable to be forgotten as those other places in the Empire of which Sir Frederick Lugard can speak with authority. To deal first with Earl Crewe's statement regarding the opium question, we may be allowed to quote a new part of the letter which he has sent in his official capacity to Sir John Anderson, the Governor of the Straits. He says and it must be with the connivance and knowledge of his Cabinet colleagues, "I note with satisfaction that every effort has been made to keep down expenditure, and I think the colony is to be congratulated on the fact that, with a diminished revenue, expenditure is so nearly met by income. In this connection I have to inform you that, in view of the loss caused to the colony by the diminution of the revenue from opium, I am in communication with the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury with a view to the grant, if possible, of some assistance from Imperial funds." We like the words "some assistance," but we must tie him down to the better words "substantial contribution." Not that we want any grant-in-aid in the sense that we are poverty-stricken; all we want are our dues and the fulfilment of the promises made. Lord Crewe says again—and judging from the tone of the despatch he probably dictated it himself—"I have also informed their lordships that in my opinion the time has now come when the arrangements with regard to the military contribution should be reconsidered, and I have invited them to agree to the appointment of a committee, composed of representatives of the colonial office, the treasury and the war office to consider *de novo* the whole question of the contributions paid by the Eastern colonies. These questions are at present under the consideration of the treasury, but I trust that before long I may be able to communicate their lordships' reply to you." So says the Secretary of State. That question about the military contribution has always been a "burning" one, and the idea that it is to be settled is "not bad." The fact remains that the home Government recognises that patience is a virtue which Hongkong as a member of the Empire, and Singapore which stands in the same relation, cannot exercise for ever.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * THERE will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* on Good Friday.

The German Mail of the 23rd February has been delivered in London.

It is reported from Peking that Sir John Jordan leaves for England early in April.

The traffic earnings of the Shantung Railway for the month of January totalled \$195,000.

The Ta Hing Government Bank has announced that its profits for the year amount to Taels 1,700,000.

OUR Chief contemporary of the 15th inst. states that P. & O. s.s. *Ceylon* is now at Weihaiwei to load a part cargo of ground nuts.

THERE has been no rain for a long time in Yunnan and the price of cereals has become very dear and the people are suffering a great deal.

The cynic suggests that seeing the present price of Indian opium the best thing Government could do would be to change the standard quality and buy its supplies in China.—*Singapore Free Press*.

MR. Gershom Stewart, M.P., formerly of Hongkong, took his seat in the House of Commons before 9 a.m. when the new Parliament commenced on February 15. The meeting was opened at 2 p.m.

MALAY women have now taken to tapping rubber on an estate, not far from Taiping, and two of them can be seen regularly at work. They are said to be quite clever at the job and remarkably clean and swift in it.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

J. Monteith \$5.

A REPORT has reached Singapore of another gang robbery in Johore, in the neighbourhood of Jementah or Biawa. A kengka, or estate was attacked by Chinese, the Kangchu (headman) was badly cut about the head, and another man was cut on the leg. The reports of details are vague, but there seems no doubt of the delinquent character of the attack.

THE finances of Indo-China are so embarrassed that the colony can scarcely pay its way. Interest on a public works loan of 250 millions francs, and military outlay account for twelve millions of the 33 millions dollars which stand this year for the colonial revenue. The *Straits Opinion* hears there is a prospect of a fresh public works loan to the amount of 150 million francs.

SIR Hiram Maxim, who was the pioneer of motor-propelled flying machines and is seventy years of age, has built an aeroplane which he believes is superior to anything yet invented. A gyroscopic regulator is among the novelties which have been introduced, and another is a pneumatic buffer, which has been placed between the front wheels and the body of the machine. Trials are to take place when the weather is favourable.

THE s.s. *Hong Mok* arrived from Singapore today, with 1,255 Chinese passengers.

A LOCK of hair of Napoleon, cut by his servant on May 3, 1811, at the Hotel de Lois, Brussels, has been sold at Stevens' auction rooms for 16s.

WHEN the Chief Whip recently paid a visit to The Hague, his arrival was duly chronicled by a French contemporary as that of Le Maître de la banque d'Ély.

FOR a lecture on the facial characteristics of the negro, Prof. A. Keith, at the Royal College of Surgeons, had at his back two grinning skulls arranged in neat rows.

FOR snatching a gold ear-pick from the person of a Chinese woman, a man was awarded six months' hard labour, six hours' stocks and twelve strokes of the birch at the Magistracy this morning.

THE general agent of the Shanghai Samatra Tobacco Company, Limited, has received the following telegraphic advice from the Deli Mapischappi, Amsterdam:—"Sold 250 bales tobacco at Guilders 1.3."

A CONFLAGRATION took place in Yokohama on the morning of 18th inst. which threatened to engulf the railway station. Over 600 houses were burned. The fire is believed to have been caused accidentally.

FATHER Wilhelm, the French priest who visited Port Arthur to see An Ju-kon, the assassin of Prince Ito, returned to Seoul on the 13th inst. and proceeded to Peking via the following day to convey a message from An to his mother.

IN the course of a partnership action at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gompertz declared that there was such "wholesale lying" in partnership cases that it was extremely difficult to discriminate between the two parties.

MANY of that large clientele who follow boxing with interest will be sorry to hear that the big fight which was due to come off at the Belle View Hotel on Monday has had to be postponed. The reason is that H. M. S. *Kent* leaves the harbour for her trials before the eventful day. All we can say is—better luck next time.

THE first prosecution under the new Stamp Ordinance took place at the Magistracy this morning, when a rent collector was fined \$10 in respect of four summonses for failing to stamp receipts for sums varying from \$3 to \$24. The new enactment requires a five-cent stamp to be affixed to receipts for the sum of \$10 or over.

TELEGRAMS from Washington report that the State Department announces that there is no ray of hope of any adjustment with Canada regarding the tariff. It is believed that a tariff war must inevitably break out on April 1. President Taft, however, has invited Mr. W. S. Fielding, the Canadian Minister of Finance, to a conference on the subject.

SHORTLY after eleven o'clock last night, fire broke out at Cheung Chau in a matchbox used for storing building materials. The matchbox was completely gutted, the damage done being to the amount of \$300. In close proximity to the damaged structure were two other matchboxes, and had it not been for a perfect calm which at the time prevailed, the damage would have covered a far wider area.

The village of Cheung Chau was the scene of a shocking accident last night. A little boy while playing in the street was suddenly approached by an infuriated dog and bitten on the right thigh, the wound being so deep that the unfortunate victim's leg was almost severed from his body. With his leg badly lacerated, the injured boy was removed to hospital, where he now lies in a precarious condition.

SOME days ago the police at Harbin removed some fencing which had been erected round a Japanese tobacco store in the city—for what reason is not stated—and the action, says the *Nevoza Zdena*, has aroused much resentment in the Japanese colony, which has found expression in the *Kita Manchu*, a Japanese journal recently established at Harbin. The Japanese Consul-General has intimated his intention of filing a protest with the Russian authorities in regard to the matter.

THE death has occurred at St. Petersburg of Tso-fon-tai, whom the French newspapers describe as "Le Rothschild Chinois." He possessed at Kharbarovsk and at Kharbin breweries, factories for making macaroni, mills, fur stores, and shops and stores of every kind. He also owned a fleet of ships. During the Boxer rising and the Russo-Japanese War, Tso-fon-tai had been the principal contractor to the Russian Government. He took an active part in the agricultural exhibition in the Amur district, and finally established himself in St. Petersburg, where he proposed to establish a bureau for the extension of Russia's trade with China. He was said to be the medium for negotiation between Russia and his own country. With great ceremonial the body has left St. Petersburg for Kharbin.

LAST week, by the courtesy of Mr. Rowley, who is acting as manager during the absence of Mr. J. Bruce, we had the opportunity of visiting Sekong Estate. Our last visit there was in 1905 when H.E. the Governor tapped the first rubber tree. The improvement in the estate since then must be seen to be believed. Several good roads and bridges have been made, an excellent hospital, apothecary and clerk's quarters, estate offices and shop and several bungalows have been erected. From the manager's bungalow a view is obtained over acres and acres of rubber trees all looking and, apparently, all doing well. We were shown the whole process of the treatment of the rubber from the time that the latex is collected until the sheets are ready for shipment. The general condition of the estate and the fact that the rubber, shipped therefrom, has always realised top market prices, reflects the greatest credit upon the management.—*S. N. S. Herald*.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-second ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the general agents, in the forenoon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report and statements of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909. The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided. There were also present:—Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maitland, H. P. White, J. W. C. Bonnar (consulting committee), Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, Wong Leung Him, G. K. Haxton, A. Rodger, A. Turner, S. H. Michael, E. J. Grist, A. Denison, Choa Po Shing and J. Barton (secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days you will doubtless agree to follow the usual course and take them as read.—When addressing you at our last annual meeting I mentioned that the prospects for the ensuing year appeared to be favourable, and from the accounts which are now presented for your adoption you will note that this forecast has been justified. The result is all the more satisfactory when you take into consideration that at no time of the year was the Bowington Refinery working, and that the production at East Point was on the whole considerably below the capacity of that establishment. You will gather, therefore, that our sales were in volume below the average of some previous years, but this was not due so much to a falling off in demand for the refined article, but to the fact that, in view of the rising markets everywhere, we deemed it expedient during the second half of the year to husband our stocks of raw sugar. The purchasing of our supplies of raw sugar, as you are aware, is a source of continual anxiety, and in this particular instance we had expected to receive our usual quantity of low grade sugar from the Philippines, but in the matter of price there was a big difference between our idea and those of the market, which made business prohibitive. Fortunately, however, we are not altogether dependent upon the Philippines for our supplies of this class of sugar which we are now obtaining from other sources. Turning to the accounts you will notice that we propose to pay a dividend of 5s. per share absorbing \$200,000, carrying \$40,000 to repairs and renewals account and placing \$170,000 to credit of equalization of dividend fund. The experience of the past has amply demonstrated the expediency in good years of transferring large sums to this fund, and in view of the fact that as time goes on competition becomes more severe I have no doubt you will approve of this policy being continued. The repairs and renewals account instituted in the year 1905 has proved exceedingly advantageous and as we have in view some improvements at East Point which should result in a considerable saving in working expenses I trust you will approve of the proposed application of \$40,000 to this fund as also of the bonus to the staff. A few words about the future will, no doubt, be appreciated. We have secured the greater portion of this year's requirements of raw at prices which could not now be repeated. The demand for refined is good and sales are showing a satisfactory margin of profit; if this continues the figures laid before you at the next annual meeting should be satisfactory. There is no further information which it occurs to me to give, but I shall be pleased to answer any questions which you may desire to ask.

There were no questions.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. Turner seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. J. Grist moved the re-election to the consulting committee of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maitland, H. P. White, and J. W. C. Bonnar.

Mr. G. K. Haxton seconded.

Agreed.

Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. A. Denison seconded by Mr. A. Rodger.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you very much for your attendance. Owing to the Easter holidays, dividend warrants will not be issued to-day. They will be ready on Tuesday.

The meeting then ended.

A STOREHOUSE on the South Manchurian Railway has gone into bankruptcy and great losses have been occasioned to Chinese merchants. An agitation is caused in Tairen and Tientsin.

THE new agreement between the United States and Japan for the domination of the Far East, as reported by the *New York World* is emphatically denied in Tokio. It is pointed out that the agreement of 1908 remains effective, and is tantamount to an alliance.

THE boom in rubber shares is responsible for a new language which has invaded country house parties, town functions, the "tobes," the restaurants, and even the theatres. "Dialogues in 'Rubber'!" usually take the following form:—"What do you think of—er—Kalliponga Kiats?" "Can't say, I've bought myself a hundred Booleongka Jong-Klaeng and—er—a hundred Chungkal Poonagatallal, and I don't mind telling you, I've also bought a car."

It is stated that the Shanghai Taotai has sent a dispatch to the Mixed Court to say that he has received instructions from the Viceroy at Nanking ordering that all lawsuits between Chinese and Chinese Christians should be settled without delay, that is in the order of the Waikupo, so that no plea for complaints may be given for foreigners.

The Mixed Court Magistrate is desired also to submit *affidavits* of such cases pending for the purpose of the Waikupo, and the magistrate has taken steps to comply with the orders.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the general agents, in the forenoon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson occupied the chair. There were also present:—Messrs. H. P. White, J. W. C. Bonnar (consulting committee), I. S. Perry, S. H. Michael, Choa Po Shing, Wong Leung Him, G. C. Moxon, P. Tester, E. J. Grist, F. P. de V. Soares, E. Ormiston and J. Barton (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice of the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days I propose to follow the usual course and take them as read. The report as you will have noticed is a distinct improvement upon those of recent years: you are aware that since the Spanish market was closed to us the difficulty has been to find an outlet for our sugar sufficient to keep the refinery continuously moving and although demand during last year improved it was still impossible to avoid frequent stoppages of the works. We were, however, able to obtain a fair margin of profit on sales with the result that the balance at debit has been materially reduced. There are signs that as the islands develop under the regime of the United States we may expect a gradually improving consumption of refined sugar, and the requirements of the local Government alone now amount to a considerable quantity annually. Hitherto we have been unable to supply exactly the quality of sugar required in this direction, but we have recently decided to make some improvements in the machinery which will enable us to do so, and this will, I hope, secure us an outlet for a certain quantity of refined monthly, thus avoiding the frequent stoppages of the works to which I referred above. During the summer of 1909 as you are probably aware Free Trade was established between the Philippines and the United States, and at one time we hoped that this might lead to an opening for our sugars in America; at present, however, it does not seem possible to lay them down in that country at a price which will compete with the local refineries and it appears that we shall still have to look to the Philippines only for our market, though under improved conditions. If there is no further information desired I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

There being no questions,

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded.

Agreed.

Messrs. H. P. White and J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected members of the consulting committee, on the motion of Mr. E. Ormiston seconded by Mr. P. Tester.

Mr. S. H. Michael moved, and Mr. P. Tester seconded, that Mr. A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditor.

Carried.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

THE OPIUM BOOM.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 23rd March, 1910.
During the past week the price of foreign raw opium has advanced considerably in Canton. It now stands at about \$15 per catty while it was only between \$10 and \$11 a fortnight ago. It is learnt from the local opium dealers that the rise in the price of the drug in the City of Canton is due to speculation on the part of certain opium-merchants in Hongkong who have stored up a considerable amount of raw opium in stock.

LIKIN OFFICE.

The head office of the Likin Department will remove into the yamen of the Provincial Treasurer on the 15th inst.

CHINESE AND MANCHU.

No marriage between Chinese proper and Manchus has ever been heard of in the Southern capital. However, the son of a Manch official named Wu Yu Hing Ngak has been engaged to the niece of Magistrate Yam Yuk Hang, and the marriage will take place in Canton about two weeks hence. This is the first instance in which the contracting parties are Chinese and Manchu, and is regarded as a means whereby the differences between Chinese and Manchu will be degrees be overcome.

SILK FACTORY HELD UP.

On the 9th inst. the well-known Po Shun Cheung silk factory in Nambou district was attacked by a large number of robbers, who carried away a large quantity of raw silk to the value of over twenty thousand dollars in addition to killing a village guard. The owner of the factory has reported the robbery to the authorities in Canton.

TAOTAI OF CONSULATORY.

The Canton Shan Hou Kuk department has received a telegram from Shanghai advising that the newly appointed Taotai of Consular of Kwangtung is a passenger on board the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Kwangfah* and that he is expected to arrive at Canton on the 27th inst. to take up his new appointment.The *Onks Jiji* reports that orders have been placed with the Mitsui Bishi and Kawasaki Dockyards for the construction of a tug and an ice-breaker, to be completed within eight months, for use in the harbour at Dairen. The South Manchurian Railway Company gives the orders. In addition, the Company has ordered five lighters, 100 tons capacity, and five with 500 tons capacity, from a Shanghai firm, the Mitsui Bishi and Kawasaki Dockyards. The lighters are to be completed in May.

THE CINEMATOGRAPH CASE.

APPLICATION TO RECOVER GOODS.

HALF-A-DOZEN SOLICITORS TRY TO SPEAK SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Police Judge, at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. W. R. Hinds, of Messrs. Brutton and Hett, made an application to recover certain goods from the proprietor of the Salon Cinema Theatre, Mr. Alex. Allmeyer. Mr. Hinds stated that his client, Mr. Munro, supplied a quantity of dynamo to the defendant for which no payments had been made. He understood that Mr. Howell had been appointed Receiver in connection with the gate monies. He wished to inform the Court that his client was entitled to recover the goods in default of payment without referring to the Court but as that would amount to contempt of Court since Mr. Howell had been appointed Receiver he made that application for an order by the Court empowering his client to recover his goods.

At this point, about half-a-dozen solicitors tried to speak at the same time.

His Lordship—I don't want the whole profession to rise and address me at the same time. I don't know who is first, second or third. (Laughter.)

Mr. Harris—My friend must make his application in Chambers.

Mr. Almada—My friend can't make his application here.

Mr. Harris—I believe my friend agreed to the original arrangement.

Mr. Hinds—I did not. I shut my mouth as tightly as I could (Laughter).

Proceeding, Mr. Hinds stated that his client had an opportunity of selling his goods and if his Lordship did not immediately make an order that opportunity would be lost. He could not possibly apply again before next Thursday or Friday.

His Lordship—I think I better take the matter in Chambers.

LOSS OF THE "TAISHAN."

ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS.

The captain and officers of the ill-fated s.s. *Taishan* which foundered in the neighbourhood of Swatow arrived by the s.s. *Haiching* from the Northern port this morning. Details of the mishap are meagre. It appears that while making for Swatow from Hongkong the s.s. *Taishan* struck the Sul Rock on Tuesday morning at half-past six, in a dense fog. The position of the vessel from the very first appeared to be serious and when it seemed imminent that the vessel would founder the Chinese crew left in three boats. Two of the boats arrived safely at Swatow yesterday morning; the third has not yet been reported, but is believed to have been picked up by a Northern boat and the crew taken on to Shanghai.As soon after the stranding of the *Taishan* as was considered expedient, the Captain sent one of his officers to Swatow to obtain assistance. The latter returned in a launch to which all the European officers transferred as by this time it was impossible to remain on board the wreck any longer with any degree of security to the officers. The officers' belongings were safely transhipped to the launch and taken to Swatow. The Chinese crew left of their own accord. Those who arrived in safety at Swatow yesterday refused to be brought on to Hongkong by the *Haiching*, as they preferred to remain at that port until news can be received from their comrades who have not yet been reported from the third and only missing boat.Mr. Brown, chief engineer of the *Taishan*, has also remained at Swatow; he is suffering from a touch of fever and will probably be well enough to proceed to Hongkong by the next Douglas steamer.The *Taishan* is a total wreck.

CLAIM AGAINST A PUGILIST.

RENT MATTER AT THE SUMMARY COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Police Judge, at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. F. X. d'Almada, of Messrs. d'Almada and Smith, mentioned a case in which Mak Nam Woon, described as a landlord, sought to recover from W. L. Gill, otherwise known as Bill Lewis, the sum of \$500, amount due for rent.

His Lordship—Do you wish me to make an order?

Mr. Almada—Yes, my Lord. I want security for rent.

His Lordship—Is defendant a sailor?

Mr. Almada—No, my Lord, he's a pugilist.

His Lordship granted the application.

LAST Saturday the *Waikupo* gave a banquet to the Diplomatic Corps in Peking.

SIR Matthew Nathan is the latest suggested candidate for the office of Viceroy of India.

ONE of the Grand Councilors has proposed that 500,000 defence troops should be enrolled for Tibet, Kokeonor and Hainan.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, announced that twenty thousand vacancies had been filled by means of the Labour Exchange.

VICKROY Hui Liang of Manchuria is determined to encourage agriculture and has instructed the Intendant of Industry to direct the prefects and Magistrates to organize an Agricultural Association.

A STOCK-BROKER's clerk of Montague St. (London), accused himself of getting drunk by saying that it was all due to the excitement over the rubber boom. "Pay off" said the Alderman.

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

March 23rd, 1910. Am.		Bar. Tn. Hu.	Wind	Wa.	
Via Boatook	9 am.	30.97	19	90	b
Nomuro	9 am.	30.08	—	—	b
Hakodate	—	29.93	—	—	0
Tokio	—	29.75	—	—	6
Kochi	—	29.72	—	SW	2
Nagasaki	—	29.88	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	29.84	—	—	6
Oshima	—	29.85	—	—	6
Naha	—	29.81	—	—	6
Hishigaki Jima	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Is.	—	29.85	—	—	—
Chafu	—	—	—	—	0
Weihaiwei	9 am.	30.32	37	WNR	5
Hankow	9 am.	—	—	—	—
Kinkiang	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	9 am.	30.22	45	WNR	5
Guangai	—	30.17	45	—	0
Sharp Peak	—	30.10	59	94	0
Amoy	6 am.	29.98	58	81	0
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—
Taihuo	5 am.	30.05	—	E	4
Taihu	—	29.97	—	—	—
Tsien	—	29.93	—	E	2
Koshu	—	29.91	—	E	4
Pescadore	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	9 am.	30.12	51	80	0
Hongkong	10 am.	30.01	69	WNR	5
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	WNR	—
Gap Rock	—	29.99	—	—	—
Macao	—	30.08	50	51	0
Wachow	9 am.	30.21	55	E	3
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—

Phalio	8	a.m.	29.99	66	NNE	3	0
Touraine	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
C. St. James	"	"	19.00	52	SW	2	c
Mailli	5	a.m.	29.99	73	SW	2	c
Legras	6	a.m.	29.98	59	SE	2	c
Legras	6	a.m.	29.89	77	NE	2	c
Macloed	9	a.m.	"	"	NW	2	c
Hollo	"	"	29.91	82	NW	2	c
Cebu	"	"	29.93	84	NE	1	c
Lubana	"	"	29.93	82	"	1	"
Match 24th, 1910, a.m.							
Wladivostock	7	a.m.	29.80	92	N	0	0
Namun	"	"	29.73	"	"	0	0
Hakodate	6	a.m.	29.97	"	NW	0	0
Tokio	"	"	29.95	"	"	0	0
Kochi	"	"	29.95	"	"	0	0
Nagasaki	"	"	29.95	"	"	0	0
Kogoshima	"	"	29.95	"	"	0	0

Oshima	30.08	NE	8	1
Naba	30.09	NE	4	2
Ishigaki Is.	30.09			
Boon Is.	30.97			
Chcofo	6 a.m.			
Weihaiwei	9 a.m.			
Hankow	6 a.m.	30.17	47	SW 5
Kinkiang				
Shanghai	9 a.m.	30.31	49	85 S 1 C
Guatuf		30.28	50	72 NE 1 C
Shap Peak.		30.21	54	60 KNE 4 C
Amoy				

Swatow	5 a.m.	30.15	54	89	NE	4	D
Taihook	5 a.m.	30.06	54	87	E	2	C
Taihek	"	30.17	—	—	E	6	—
Tainan	"	30.10	—	—	N	4	—
Kochu	"	30.08	—	—	N	4	—
Pescadore	"	30.05	—	—	N	8	—
Pescadore	"	30.08	—	—	NE	10	—
Canton	9 a.m.	30.17	54	74	NE	2	C
Hongkong	10 a.m.	30.15	61	66	ENE	1	C
Victoria Road	"	—	—	—	ENE	3	—

GAP ROCK	"	30.13	57	N	5	—
Macao	"	30.16	—	N	1	0
Wuchow	9 a.m.	—	57	N	—	—
Holhow	"	—	—	N	—	—
Pakhol	"	—	—	N	—	—
Phuen	8 a.m.	30.13	59	N	3	0
Tzuang	"	30.03	68	NW	4	0
G. St. James	"	29.93	79	NE	2	0
Aparri	6 a.m.	29.98	73	SE	0	0
Manila	10 a.m.	29.96	82	W	1	0

Legaspi	6	2.01	39.94	77	—	NE	2	0
Bacolod	9	2.01	—	—	—	NW	1	0
Iloilo	10	—	29.97	82	—	NE	1	b
Cebu	11	—	29.96	86	—	N	1	b
Labuan	12	—	39.94	83	—	—	—	—

March 23 at

10 P.M.

Barometer..... 30.01

Thermometer.....

March 23 at

4 P.M.

Barometer..... 29.98

Thermometer.....

Temperature	69	93
Humidity	67	60
Rainfall	—	—

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 24th to 30th, 1910.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day & Week.	Days & Month.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.		
Thurs.	11	h. m. 9 33	ft. in. 2 8	h. m. 2 51	ft. in. 2 8		
Fri.	12	9 0	2 7	3 2	2 9		
	13	8 51	2 7	3 31	2 8		
	14	8 42	2 6	3 0	2 8		
Sat.	15	8 30	2 3	3 49	2 8		

Sun.	57	15 80 A	0 3	3 35 A	2 2
		m 35 A	3 50 A	4 15 A	1 8
Mon.	58	m 50 A	3 50 A	4 17 A	2 2
		31 84 A	3 54 A	4 19 A	2 2
Tues.	59	m 30 A	3 54 A	4 20 A	2 2
		31 88 A	4 9	5 11 A	2 2
Wed.	60	m 31 80	3 59	4 22 A	3 0
				5 15 A	2 2

m denotes morning.
a " afternoon.

CAPTAIN.	LAST REPORTED AT
L. Lowndes	Hongkong
Kiddle	Hongkong
Herbert	Hongkong
G. Washington	Shanghai
Under E. H. Dawson	Hongkong

Mr. L. F. Heard	...	Hongkong
...	...	Shanghai
...	...	Hongkong
Mr. T. Bennett	...	Shanghai
Under Lloyd-Thomas	...	Hongkong
Mr. Nicholas	...	Shanghai
Under B. J. Guy, v.c.	...	Hongkong
Under H. S. Monroe	...	Hongkong
Under G. O. Heathcote	...	Hongkong
Quhar	...	Hongkong

nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	San route Anglano
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Yangtze
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Hongkong
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Hongkong
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Colombo
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	West River
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Yangtze
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	Hongkong
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	West River
nder T. J. S. Lyne	...	...	West River

Walter J. M. Barker	Yongtse
W. Lyon	Hongkong
Walter H. R. Godfrey	Hongkong
Walter H. Atkin	Yongtse
Walter G. B. Hartford	Yongtse
Walter R. L. Hancock	Hongkong
Walter C. A. Fremantle	Hongkong
Walter B. R. Brooks	Yongtse
W. M. H. Widling	Yongtse

Mr. G. F. A. Mulock

100

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. H. S. KADOORIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE PERCENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 }	\$2,007,510	{ 2 1/2% for half year ending 31.12.09 @ ex } 1/9 = \$15.11	4 %	{ \$955 buyers London \$891
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	{ £4,000 £4,000 £4,000 }	\$10,552	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1909	...	\$76 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$154,181 \$154,181 }	none	\$10 for 1908	7 %	\$170 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ Tls. 22,000 Tls. 22,000 Tls. 22,000 }	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	...	Tls. 115 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$90,000 \$13,448 \$13,448 }	\$2,464,901	{ Final of 3/7 making \$47 for 1907 and interim of \$30 for 1908	5 1/2 %	\$910 sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$244,405 \$244,405 }	\$77,017	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$230 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	70,000	\$100	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$438,606 \$438,606 }	\$325,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1907	7 %	\$109 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$143,173 \$143,173 }	\$268,711	\$27 for 1907	8 %	\$337 1/2 sales
SHIPPING.								
China and Malacca Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$7,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 }	\$2,085	\$1 for 1906	...	\$7 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 }	Nil	2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$31 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Yacao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$67,500 \$103,141 \$103,141 }	\$20,766	Final of \$14 for account 1909	8 %	\$201 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ £10,000 £10,000 £10,000 }	£13,755	{ 6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$1.154	...	\$65 buyers
Do. Do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ £10,000 £10,000 £10,000 }	£13,755	{ 3rd in. of 2/- per sh. (comp. No. 12) making in all 4/- for 08 & interim of 1/- for ac. '09 }	5 %	88/- buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	\$68,817	{ 1/- for 1908 & interim of 1/- for ac. '09 }	4 1/2 %	\$20 s. & a.
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$10,000 \$40,000 \$40,000 }	\$2,121	\$1.00 for year ending 10.4.1909	3 1/2 %	\$148 sellers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 }	Dr. \$5,818	\$5 for year ending 31.12.08	3 1/2 %	\$173 s. and b.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$1	\$100	{ \$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000 }	Dr. \$135,801	\$3 for 1907	...	\$29 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6,000	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.8.09	...	Tls. 850 sales
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	Ps. 1	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	none	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	7 %	Tls. 184
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Ps. 10	Ps. 10	{ Ps. 10 Ps. 10 Ps. 10 }	none	First year	...	Ps. 10 buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £1,000,000 £1,000,000 £1,000,000 }	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$61 buyers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Peawick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$4,000 \$4,000 \$4,000 }	Dr. \$7,421	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.08	...	\$10
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$15	\$50	{ \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 }	\$20,102	None	...	\$60 ex div. s.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	\$50	{ \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 }	\$12,715	Interim of \$14 for account 1909	...	\$59 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6,261	Interim of Tls. 21 for 1910	6 1/2 %	Tls. 82 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 90,000 Tls. 90,000 Tls. 90,000 }	Tls. 22,818	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 10 for 1908	7 %	Tls. 125
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 1	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 25,000 Tls. 25,000 Tls. 25,000 }	Tls. 4,134	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.6.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 102 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$15,000 \$15,000 \$15,000 }	\$24,061	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$5	\$5	{ \$5,000 \$5,000 \$5,000 }	\$10,372	Interim of \$2.40 on old and 40 cents on new shares for account 1909	...	\$110 sales
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$27,911	Interim of 38 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	\$101 sellers
Hampshire Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$1	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$25,471	45 cents for 1909	6 %	\$88 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$30	{ \$30,000 \$30,000 \$30,000 }	\$21,9	\$2 1/2 for 1909	5 %	\$28 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 142,004	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 105 s.
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 }	\$1,958	Final of 11.8 for account 1909	8 1/2 %	\$421 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 10,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.12.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 129 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$9,153	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	...	\$64 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000 Tls. 175,000 }	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.9.06	...	Tls. 66 sellers
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 12	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 4,829	Tls. 6 for 1909	...	Tls. 75 sellers
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 15,912	Tls. 5 for 1909	...	Tls. 360
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,000 £1,000 £1,000 }	£648	15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	{ \$12,000 \$12,000 \$12,000 }	Nil	60 cents for 1909	10 %	\$92 ex div. b.
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 }	\$61,138	50 cents for year ending 28.2.06	...	\$6 sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,407	80 cents for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$82 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,891	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	8 1/2 %	\$18 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3,756	Interim of 35 cents for account 1909	10 %	\$62 ex div.
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$670	8 cents for year ending 31.12.08	8 %	\$12
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$5195	\$1 and bonus 30 cts. for year ending 29.2.09	6 %	\$201 sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$7616	Final of \$8 for 1909	10 %	\$165 ex div.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$3790	Final of \$1 making in all \$2.40 for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$211 sellers
Maatschappij tot Exploitatie van Landbouwen in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ Tls. 5,000 Tls. 5,000 Tls. 5,000 }	Tls. 316,682	4th interim of Tls. 12 1/2 for 1909	6 %	Tls. 1,000
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$1,204	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on 1st paid shares for year ending 30.4.09	6 %	\$141 b. and s.
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$1	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Ps. 18,640	None	...	\$51,30
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	none	None	...	\$101 buyers
Shanghai-Somatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 14,810 Tls. 14,810 Tls. 14,810 }	Tls. 5,250	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 350 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	Dr. \$31,096	None	...	\$25 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$63	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	8 %	\$5 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$172	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	5 %	\$9 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$342	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	6 1/2 %	\$123 sellers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$2,613	Final of 50 cents for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$7 sellers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$782	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$3

Intimations

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS.

ESTABLISHED IN 1882. CAPITAL £3,000,000.



"LA FLOR DE LA ISABELA."

High grade cigars manufactured with the best selected leaf grown in the estates of the Company.

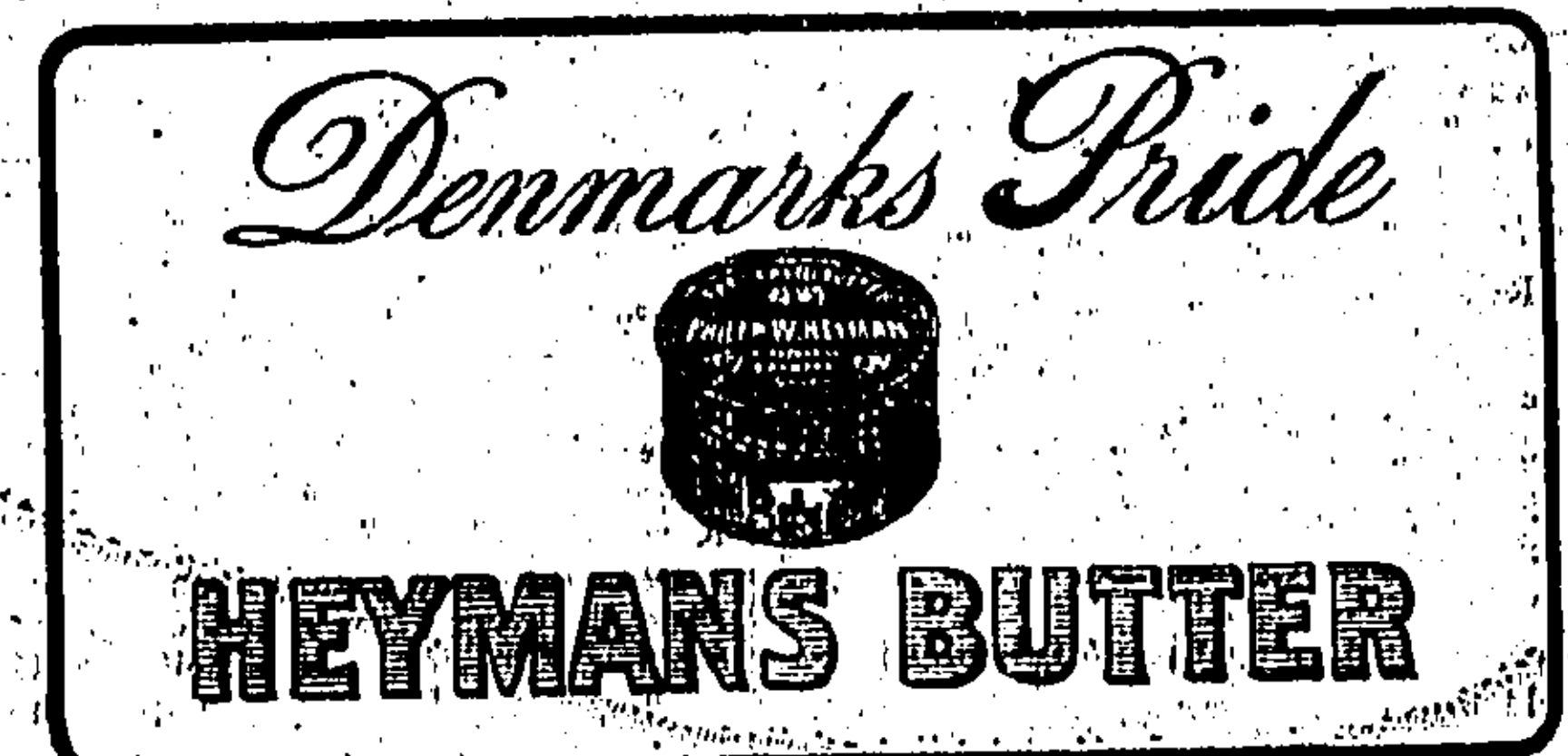
SPECIAL BRANDS

Pittails, Vagueiros Especiales, Regalia A Lopez, Regalia G. Reina, Favoritos A Lopez, Favoritos A Correa, Perfectos Especiales, Exquisitos, Reina Victoria, High Life, Londres Finos, Conchas Finas, and other Current Brands.

RETAILED IN ALL THE LEADING STORES.

BARRETTO & CO.,

AGENTS.



SIEMSEN & CO., Sole Agents.

49

THE EASTERN CYCLE CO.

Have just unpacked a Large Consignment of ENGLISH BICYCLES AND ACCESSORIES of the best makers.

NEW BICYCLES FOR HIRE AND SALE.

REPAIRING All kinds of TYPEWRITERS, SEWING MACHINES, GRAMAPHONES, PHONOGRAPHS, and All Sorts of MACHINERY. AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE. PRICES MODERATE.

THE EASTERN CYCLE CO.,

16, D'AGUILAR STREET, 3, ARSENAL STREET, HONGKONG, 9, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

Hongkong, 22d March, 1910.

[22]

OSMAN & GASUM,

1 & 3, D'AGUILAR STREET.

JUST UNPACKED Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS & FEATHERS.

MUSLIN and FIGURED VOILES.

LACE and EMBROIDERIES a speciality.

TABLE LINENS, SERVIETTES and HOUSEHOLD LINENS.

Samples on application, Coast-Port Orders carefully executed.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1909.

LEE YEE HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND CIGARETS, CIGARETTES

AND TOILET REQUISITES FOR SALE.

15, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th September, 1909.

YEE SING, No. 4, D'AGUILAR STREET.

MANUFACTURE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS in all kinds of hand-made DRAWN and EMBROIDERY CHINESE LINE GRASS CLOTH, PEWTER WARE, &c., all of the best quality. Hongkong, 17th December, 1900.

MOHIDEEN & THAHA.

FINEST ASSORTED COLLECTION OF

CEYLON JEWELLERY

AND GEMS of all kinds in stock.

Gold Guaranteed.

2B, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 22d March, 1910.